

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013
6:00 P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Porter called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant, Councilmember Johnie Higgs, Sr., Councilmember Eugene Kennedy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin (Late)

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- None

3. MEETING TOPICS:

- **3.1.1. Seat Pleasant Overview**
- Mayor Grant stated that the presentation is a five part series.
- Mayor Grant stated that everything he does is based on the bible.
- Mayor Grant stated that the motto "City of Excellence" was derived from the bible. The concept behind the City of Excellence is a covenant and agreement to provide better services to our residences.
- Mayor Grant stated that he Mr. Ashton looked at the Finances of the City to improve them.
- Mayor Grant stated that the finances were not strong in the sense that they had less than half of million dollars in reserve.
- Mayor Grant stated that now they have over three million in reserves.
- Mayor Grant stated that we must get our house in order before we can judge others.
- Mayor Grant stated that he would like to move Seat Pleasant forward for the next Mayor.

- Mayor Grant stated that some things he will say will be futuristic, as some things take time.
- Mayor Grant stated that if the Council could look back on the Strategic Plan that they had put together.
- Mayor Grant stated that vision is a thought. The mission is goal and objective that drives us to our vision of the City.
- Mayor Grant stated that they have the impasses at times as they get so involved in the minute things that we lose site of the vision.
- Mayor Grant stated that they need to evaluate the facts and mitigate the risk on how it will help us get to the vision.
- Mayor Grant stated that we look at things in isolation and everything he does connects with something else.
- Mayor Grant stated that image of marketing was done when they passed Resolution 05-04 for the motto.
- Mayor Grant stated that they could listen to the nay Sayers, but the facts will prevail.
- Mayor Grant stated that it was stated that he would have the City bankrupt in a year of his administration.
- Mayor Grant stated that the facts are the City's surplus is 3.5 million dollars and our finances are better with a Double "A" Bond rating.
- Mayor Grant stated that every audit that is conducted on the City whether it is internal or external. We pass the audit.
- Mayor Grant stated that the images of marketing is important
- Mayor Grant stated that the 75th Anniversary had some people stating that money was being spent over the allowed amount.
- Mayor Grant stated that last week Mr. Ashton provided the City Council with a report on the satisfaction on the requirements on the grants that the City was on the brink of losing.
- Mayor Grant stated that this helps our image, as we have shown to them that we get more grants.
- Mayor Grant stated that in 2004 he completed a technology survey on the Government.
- Mayor Grant stated that broadband adoption is still a challenge. We have seniors that are still not using broadband.
- Mayor Grant stated that they have a program to help the City get wired with broadband.
- Mayor Grant stated that we can move forward with laptops in the McDonald's or Dunkin Donuts and provide them with Wi-Fi connectivity.

- Mayor Grant stated in July 2005 he held an Education Summit to provide our children with a quality education.
- Mayor Grant that Summit required you to educate your work force. Mayor Grant stated we are educating our workforce.
- Mayor Grant stated that we had increased the donation to the school in 2010 to \$10,000.
- Mayor Grant stated that there was in the increase in the police staffing and purchased vehicles, vest and funding to the department.
- Mayor Grant stated that we are donating \$15,000 to the Fire Department every year.
- Mayor Grant stated that the Kennedy Administration was the first administration to provide funding to the Volunteer Fire Department.
- Mayor Grant stated that we did the first Health Summit in May 2010. We now have a fully functional clinic at Prince George's Hospital.
- Mayor Grant stated that they did the life Simple Seven in 2012. They have expanded the Health Fair at Seat Pleasant Day to reduce the disparities that exist among our people.
- Mayor Grant stated that we had increased in Economic Development with 12 new businesses since he has been Mayor. The Dunkin Donuts is on our rolls as a tax payer in the City.
- Mayor Grant stated that the next time they come together they will connect the dots as it shapes what they are doing with the City Center Project and the efforts on Martin Luther King, Junior Highway.
- Mayor Grant stated that the first phase will be three hundred thousand to one hundred billion dollars from Eastern Avenue to Hill Road.
- Mayor Grant stated that they connect the development to the Aberdeen Site, which will be a \$250,000 to 3million dollar project.

4. LEGISLATION

4.1.1. None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1.1. None

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1.1. Public Session, Monday, April 8, 2013, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 7:00p.m.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00p.m.

Submitted by,



Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk

APPROVED 05/13/13